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Please join us
September 14, at
9:00am for the next
 monthly meeting. There
 is an optional social hour
 that begins at 8:00am
 followed by the monthly
 business meeting.
 Visitors are always
 welcome.



Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Wayne Klement (wayneklem@aol.com) or call him at 520-954-6298. Submission deadline is the 25th of each month. Thanks!

See us online at: www.lapidaryclub.org

THE PREZ SEZ by David Schulte, President

Unfortunately I think our monsoon season is coming to an end but the September lightning shows are around the corner and the perfect weather of October is just a month away! Our latest board meeting was held on 9/2/24 at 5:00 PM at the Club's main building. We encourage all members' involvement in the decisions the Board is making for the Club and as such, all club members are encouraged to attend our board meetings and give us your ideas and inputs on how to improve, expand and grow the club.



As a reminder our next tail gate event will be on 9/21/24 and members are allowed to sell their lapidary materials for a modest donation to the club. There are always some great deals to be had at the tail gate events and it's open to the public to attend so there are lots of opportunities to sell your precious lapidary creations, tools and rough material. We ask for a modest \$10 donation to set up your table of lapidary stuff for sale. Please see John Poole for more information about the tail gate event.

My thanks go out once again to Wayne Klement for cutting back the trees and bushes and spraying for weeds once again at the Club. Our Club looks marvelous once again!

We had a great "field trip" down to Potter USA located right here in Tucson in August and had about 20 members attend the event. Keven Potter gave us almost a two hour tour of his facility and showed us all the incredible dies, pattern plates, impression rolls and cutting tools he has to enhance our jewelry making. The tens of thousands of dies that Kevin has collected from around the world are truly amazing! I encourage all of our members to go onto his web site, www.potterusa.com, and see all the fantastic things he has to offer or take a trip down to his shop! We have both a twenty ton press and a rolling mill in the silver lab at the club that can be used with many of the Potter dies, impression plates and cutting dies. Here are a few of the pictures from our visit to Potter USA...



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We continue to look for members who are willing to come in and share their knowledge with our members by teaching specialty classes on any subject dealing with lapidary to expand our member's capabilities in making neat stuff! If anyone would like to volunteer to teach a specialty class and/or monitor at the Club labs, please talk to me or any of the board members to get more information about this. We ask that new monitors in any of the labs sign up for a 3 hour slot in the lab that they monitor in once a week for at least a year. Monitors can use the lab they monitor in for free, as long as it's a scheduled time slot for that lab to be open.

As always, donations to the club are welcome and we accept anything dealing with lapidary. As we are a 501C organization so donators will receive a tax receipt to write off their donation. We'll come and pick it up if you need us to. Let Danny Harmsen or any of your board members know and we'll set up a time to come get it or you can drop it off at the club anytime any of the labs are open! I hope everyone had a marvelous monsoon and productive, if toasty, Tucson summer. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Club sometime and I'm really looking forward to some cooler weather around the corner!

OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2024- 2025

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

September 14, 2024, Ihor Kunasz, **Pegmatites - Lithium Legacy**

October 12, 2024, Shelly Sergent, **"Somewhere in the Rainbow"
Collection**

November 9, 2024, Tikka Opals, **Opals**

December 14, 2024 – No speaker – Holiday Party

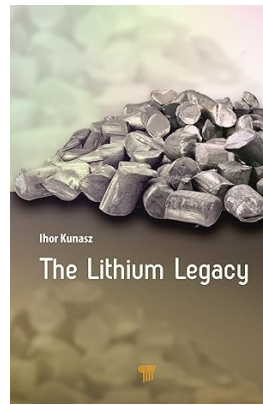
January 11, 2025.....

February 8, 2025.....

March 8, 2025, Claire Scragg, **Being a Gem Detective**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 OPLC SPEAKER – DR. IHOR A. KUNASZ

Lithium – The Elusive Element



We are in for a wonderful talk for our September 14, 2024, OPLC monthly meeting with **Dr. Ihor Kunasz**. He will be sharing with us his expert knowledge on lithium, one of the important elements behind pegmatites and tourmalines (the theme for 2024 TGMS Show).

Ihor Kunasz was born in France and is a graduate of College St. Clement, Metz, France. His family relocated to Cleveland, Ohio, where he earned a B.S. in geology from the Case Western Reserve University, and then a M.S and a Ph.D from PENN State University. Then Dr. Kunasz joined Foote Mineral Co. as a chief geologist. With his work there and later with Cyprus Minerals Co. he became a world-renowned expert in lithium ore bodies. Dr. Kunasz has been to many countries around the world including Chile, Russia, Tibet, and Kazakhstan. He was awarded the AIME Honorary Member Award “for his unwavering commitment to excellence in all aspects of the mining industry”. Fully retired, he now lives in Tucson with his wife Zenovia.

“Dr. Ihor Kunasz’s book **Lithium Legacy** discusses the original discovery of lithium, its development from a mineral of curiosity to an expanding industry, its geological occurrences, and its various applications, culminating in its present use in the ever-expanding electromotive industry. The author’s wonderful and exciting experiences of his long lithium career shared in the book will satisfy the readers’ curiosity about this expanding industry” (Amazon.com).

Please make sure you don’t miss this presentation, Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair.

Note: Our last month’s incredible presenter, watercolorist Karyn Holyk, asked me to share that she has more paint kits and paint duos, and if there is interest she can bring them at the next meeting.

OPLC AUGUST 2024 MEETING MINUTES

The presentation was given by Karyn Holyk, “Crystal Alchemy: Painting With Gemstones”. She grinds colorful minerals and uses them to make paint, then spreads them on paper where they create unique designs. The talk was accompanied by a demonstration, and several kits were raffled off containing samples of paint and accessories. karyn@bluesoulcreative.com

The minutes of the July 2024 general meeting were approved by voice vote of the membership.

Thank you to Wayne Klement for providing the refreshments.

New members and visitors were introduced.

Financial Report – Mark Davidson – Exact budget figures are not published here. They are available to members on request. Club finances are in healthy shape. To July 30, 36% of the 2024 budget has been spent. The raffle netted \$267.

Library – Bill Cascio –Several books are overdue and should be returned.

Membership – Jan Keisler reported a total of 446 members in good standing

Field trips – A hot-weather trip is being organized to Kevin Potter’s shop in Tucson, where he makes dies for forming metal and has many unique items. A notice with details will be sent to all members and posted on the Facebook page.

The floor of the silver lab has been coated with hard epoxy paint. The light gray color will make it easier to find dropped objects.

A new silver class has been scheduled by John Poole.

The Fall tailgate sale will be held Saturday, September 21st. Vendors should show up at 7:30. There is a suggested \$10 donation from vendors.

Donations for the Silent Auction in November are being accepted by Danny Harmsen and any Board member. We can arrange a pickup if necessary.

Lab times are posted. Be sure to call before coming in, as monitors are volunteers and sometimes can’t make it to a session for various reasons.

Next year’s Board is being nominated by the Nomination Committee, Chair Dave Richardson. Please communicate nominations to him. The Treasurer position, in particular, requires someone with some financial knowledge, since Mark Davidson can no longer serve in that position.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Meeting minutes recorded by Bill Penrose, Secretary.

SEPTEMBER 21st TAILGATE SALE

Old Pueblo Lapidary Club—3118 North Dale

THIRD SATURDAY OF SEPTEMBER from 8am to 12pm

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The South parking lot will be open to members and shoppers.

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A suggested donation of \$10 per vendor is requested.

If any questions call John Poole @ 520-777-5588

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Bob Emmert John Madden Helen Quigley Brent Woods

DONATIONS

Thanks to those that have made donations to help keep this club running! We welcome donations so if you have lapidary related items, please contact Dan Harmsen at (520) 721-8452 to arrange a pickup or drop-off. Recent donations:

Anonymous - Composite Charoite, tools, sandpaper for dremels, petrified wood and Quartz crystals.

Al Romey - Fluorite specimen.

Ted Rupp - Petrified wood , Wyoming jade.

Diane Marshall - Copper, brass, books, enameling powder, plastic glasses, sand casting frames, tools, metal beads.



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MINUTES OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024 OPLC BOARD MEETING

5:00 pm, W Penrose, wpr0143@comcast.net

Present: David Schulte presiding, Wendy Huber, Mark Davidson, Bill Penrose, Dave Richardson, Wayne Klement, Victoria Fila, John Poole, Janet Keisler, Ted Rupp, Chuck Lundstrom, Twink Monrad, Victoria Fila, Donovan Wagner. A quorum was present.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Davidson – The cash position is positive. Exact numbers are not given here but are available to members on request. No lab has spent all its allocated funds.

Membership – Janet Keisler – 443 members in good standing.

Reports:

Silver Lab – John Poole – The new floor has been completed. A new lab session has begun Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30, monitor Stephanie Mendibles.

Saw Room – No report.

Cab Lab – Donovan Wagner - New blades installed in saws. Water was left in the water saw. Monitors should be reminded.

Faceting Lab – Dave Richardson – A new type of non-leaking valves has been selected for the water system.

Casting Lab – Chuck Lundstrom – Some supplies are to be purchased. Some members are doing 3D printing of wax models.

Library – no report

Field trips – No arrangement has been made with AMS, Phoenix to have joint field trips.

A date will be set for a trip to the Raleigh Mine. It's possible the site on the White Mt. Apache Reservation may be opened again. There will be a scouting trip to check out other possible places, including near Bisbee.

A trip was made to Kevin Potter's shop. More comments in Prez Sez write-up.

Nominating Committee – A full slate of candidates is ready, with the exception of one Board member, to fill the remainder of Dave Richardson's term. Another mid-term replacement was voted by the Board. MOTION To appoint Janet Keisler to replace Victoria Fila on the Board. PASSED

Facilities – Wayne Klement has cleaned up shrubbery around the site

New phones have been installed in the kitchen and on the dias in the meeting room.

RMFMS – They are asking someone to host their convention in 2026 and 2027. New Business

Be sure to mention the Christmas Party in December at Membership Meeting.

Policy regarding disposal of lab-owned equipment. MOTION All equipment must be put up for auction. If it is not sold, then it can be sold to a member or a non-member. PASSED

Code of Behavior – Board members and members in attendance discussed a club policy for dealing with interpersonal conflict in the club. Janet had research policies adopted by other clubs and organizations. After discussion, the following was adopted: MOTION: A paragraph will be added to the membership form, with signature space, which will read:

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“Laboratory users are expected to behave in a manner consistent with the creative atmosphere of the club. Creativity flourishes in a respectful, friendly, enthusiastic, and peaceful setting. Please maintain civil and courteous behavior. We are committed to providing a respectful environment for all members, free from discrimination on any grounds, and from harassment.”

PASSED

Meeting adjourned 6:25.

CASTING LAB NEWS UPDATE

“Fellow Members of OPLC, Chuck Lundstrom here. I have great news about a couple of great things happening in your Casting Lab.

First, your OPLC Casting Lab has moved into the 21st century. You can now print and cast your 3D models. You'll need to bring your model (an .stl computer file) into the lab on a USB thumb drive. The monitor(s) will help you print it, and start your casting. Where do you get your .stl model file? There are thousands of sites available on the internet where you can download 3D models, for free or a nominal fee, to your hearts content; simply search for “3D printer model”. Or, for those proficient with one of the 3D modeling software applications, you can design your model and export the .stl file.

Second, your lab monitor team has expanded to support your use of the Casting Lab six out of seven days a week. On Monday's, you'll find Liz Williams in the lab between noon and 3pm on the first two Monday's of the month. Returning in September, on Tuesday's, you'll find Steve Weeks between 8 and 11am. On Wednesday's, between 4 and 7pm, Chuck Lundstrom will be teaching classes every other month starting in January, and available for open labs between classes. On Thursday's, Mark Dragodovich will be in the lab between 9am and 1pm. On the 2nd and 4th Friday's, you'll find Travis Austin in the lab between 2 and 5pm. And on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's you'll find Travis Austin in the lab between 1 and 4pm.

I look forward to your visit to check out your new 3D printing capability. See you soon!”

Thanks,

Chuck Lundstrom

I MADE A NEW FRIEND THE OTHER DAY

Ed Note: This has nothing to do with lapidary but I needed a filler and this was the best I could come up with on the spur of the moment.

I was hiking in Sabino Canyon a couple of days ago and saw this desert tortoise going down the trail ahead of me. Age wise, it looked like it might be a teenager. It was probably looking for something to eat so I snagged a tuna (the fruit of the prickly pear cactus), and set it in front of it. It had a hard time biting into it because it wasn't fully ripe (even though I cut it in half) so I scouted for another riper tuna. Before I could set this one on the ground it started to head towards me ignoring the other one. BTW.... If you do see one in the desert



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6pm-9pm Donovan Wagner (520) 869-2050

Tuesday 9am-12pm 1st and 3rd Tuesday Dan Lilly (801) 995-9692
3:30-6pm Margarett Harris (520) 561-2315
6pm-9pm Brian Peterson (520) 449-2660

Wednesday 5pm-8pm Keith Haubert (520) 784- 8283

Thursday 7am-11am Betty Mehloff (253) 208-7460
1pm-4pm Wendy Huber (206) 669-6002

Friday **No Labs currently scheduled.**

Saturday **4th Saturday** 9:00am-2pm Ron Bryan (619) 495-7967
7am-12pm Dennis Stock (602) 421-2707
2pm-5pm Wendy Huber (206) 669-6002

Sundays 9pm-12pm Gloria Shenanaquet (520) 396-9715
12pm-2PM Paul Fickle (520) 883-6061

Silversmithing

Monday 10am-1pm Jane Morris (727) 743-0883

Tuesday 9am-12pm John Poole (520) 777-5588 No open shop Aug 13th, 20th, 27th.

Wednesday 9am-12pm Bill Cascio (520) 343-9927
5:30pm-8:30pm Stephanie Mendibles (520) 543-3895

Thursday 10am-4pm Sloane Padilla (520) 808-8699 (Text Only)

Friday 10am-3pm Giac D'Acquisto (520) 444-4143

Saturday 9am-12pm David Schulte (520) 954-8554

Sunday 10am-3pm Giac D'Acquisto (520) 444-4143

Faceting

Monday 9am-12pm Dave Richardson (520) 245-2172 Class & Open Lab

Wednesday 5:30pm-8:30pm David Schulte (520) 954-8554 Open Lab

Thursday 4pm-7pm Chuck Lundstrom (520) 241-9262 Class

Sunday 12:30pm-3:30pm Dave Richardson (520) 245-2172 Class & Open Lab

Casting

Monday **Noon-3pm 1st & 2nd Mondays** Liz Williams (818) 300-5262

Tuesday 8am - 11 am Steve Weeks (978)-807-0075

Wednesday 4pm-7pm Chuck Lundstrom (520) 241-9262 Classes every other month, beginning every January, open labs between classes; look for sign-up sheets in the meeting hall. Open lab available when NO class is running. Call for open lab availability.

Thursday 9am-1pm Mark Dragodovich (520)-906-4657

Friday 2pm-5pm 2nd & 4th Fridays Travis Austin (540) 420-3844

Sunday 1pm-4pm 1st & 3rd Sundays Travis Austin (540) 420-3844

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OPLC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR NEW MEMBERS

	<u>Jan - Jun</u>	<u>Jul - Dec</u>
Single	\$35.00	\$20.00
Couple	\$50.00	\$35.00
Juniors	\$15.00	\$10.00

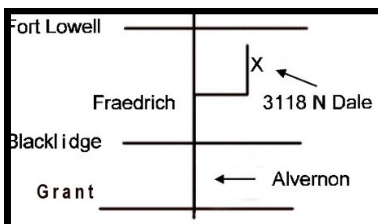
MEMBERS RENEWING

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Note: Renewal fees will apply for members returning to rejoin regardless of the time of year.

Make check out to OPLC and mail to:

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The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month except for December. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.